

and consent of the Government, stamps of various denominations, and position as head of a department was ignored. Even if this was the only circumstance influencing me, my course was the only honorable one to pursue.

I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most obedient servant,

CHARLES CONNELL

This finishes this most remarkable correspondence and chapter in the postal history of New Brunswick.

A careful reading and consideration of the letters here given will show the impossibility of there ever having been any of the Connell stamp used to pay the postage of a letter, although an inference to the contrary may be drawn from Nos. 5 and 9, being the letters of the Executive Council, but this is due I think to loose writing, probably meaning that they were in the hands of the Post Office Department for distribution. Against this we see the telegrams to Connell forbidding the issue; three days before they were to start sending them to postmasters, and his telegram to Hale, the Secretary of the P. O. Department of N. B., at Fredericton, forbidding him to send out any of the stamps. In my opinion the Connell is undoubtedly not a postage stamp, but a rare essay only. As a fitting end to this I may add the official account of the money paid for the making of the cent issue of New Brunswick.

NAME.	PARTICULARS.	AMOUNT.	AMOUNT.
	Engraving plate for "One Cent" Postage Stamps...	£ 25 0 0	
	Printing 2000 sheets of " " " " " " " "	12 15 0	£ 37 15 0
	Engraving plate for "Five Cent," (Connell) do.	25 0 0	
	Printing 5000 sheets " " " " " " " "	31 15 0	56 15 0
	Engraving plate for "Ten Cent" " " " " " " " "	25 0 0	
	Printing 2000 sheets " " " " " " " "	12 10 0	37 10 0
	Engraving plate for "Twelve & half ct." " " " " " " " "	25 0 0	
	Printing 4000 sheets of do. " " " " " " " "	25 0 0	50 0 0
	Engraving plate for "Seventeen Cent" " " " " " " " "	25 0 0	
	Printing 1000 sheets of do. " " " " " " " "	6 5 0	31 5 0
	Engraving plate for "Five Cent" " " " " " " " "	25 0 0	
	Printing 5000 sheets of do " " " " " " " "	31 5 0	56 5 0
		£268 15 0	

This was for the first lot sent. There were however several other supplies got before the confederation of the British North American Provinces.

DONALD A. KING.